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[origin: EP0930775A2] A color-to-monochrome image conversion technique is disclosed. After the color image is converted to a monochrome input image and a plurality of primary-color input images, boundary information is extracted from the plurality of primary-color input images. The boundary information discriminates between different colors with the same lightness in the color image. Thereafter, the boundary information is superimposed as a binary image on the monochrome input image to produce the monochrome image. Therefore, a boundary between different colors with the same lightness can be easily imagined and be visibly displayed. <IMAGE>

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